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FERTILITY OF AGRICULTURAL LAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fertility of all kinds of agricultural land in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is decreasing continuously; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): There is no evidence that the fertility of Agricultural lands of Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is deteriorating continuously.However,the land adjacent to denuded Forest and Tsunami affected agriculture land have deteriorated in its fertility.To restore soil fertility of these land,the following measures are being taken:

(i) Soil Conservation Measures on Watershed Basis in Hilly areas.

(ii) The Tsunami affected agriculture lands are reclaimed by improving drainage, addition of organic matter and leaching of salt by flooding through rain water.

(iii) Integrated Nutrient Management through training and demonstration.